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ACTION SY-05

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C O N F I D E N T I A L ABIDJAN 2052

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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: ASEC
SUBJ: SECURITY OFFICER POSITION, TEHRAN

REF: STATE 048228

RIRST REACTION TO PROPOSAL WAS AN EFFORT TO DETERMINE
WHAT CHANGES HAVE OCCURRED IN SY/THREAT SITUATION IN
IRAN TO WARRANT AND JUSTIFY PROPOSED ACTION. I DO NOT
KNOW OF ANY.

FULLY RECOGNIZE THAT RSO BANNERMAN IS A DINAMO AND THAT
MANY SY PROJECTS, AMONG OTHER THINGS, HAVE BEEN OR ARE
NEAR COMPLETION. HOWEVER, AT SAME TIME, IT APPEARS
THAT CONSTANT LIAISON WITH HOST GOVT, AMERICAN BUSINESSMEN,
U.S. MILITARY SY REPS AND FREQUENT ANALYSIS OF THREAT
SITUATION IS A FULL-TIME JOB.
SECOND RSO POSITION THEN MUST BE DEDICATED TO ROUTINE
SY WORK AT INSTALLATIONS IN TEHRAN AND CONSTITUENT
POSTS.
THIRD SY POSITION, AS I UNDERSTAND IT, WAS ESSENTIALLY
DEDICATED TO COM PROTECTIVE DETAIL AS WELL AS PROTECTION
FOR US PERSONNEL.

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I RECALL RSO TEHRAN INSISTED THAT RESPONSIBILITY
FOR BAGHDAD BE TRANSFERRED TO ANOTHER RSO BASED ON
DIFFICULTIES OF OBTAINING VISAS AS WELL AS LACK OF
TIME TO MAKE SURVEYS AND VISITS.

CANT'T BELIEVE THAT ALL THIS HAS CHANGED BUT OBVIOUSLY
RECOGNIZE CONTENTS OF GINGLES/DIKEOS CONVERSATION NOT

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KNOWN.

IT SEEMS ONLY RECENTLY THAT CIVIL UNREST IN TEHRAN
INTRODUCED ANOTHER DIMENSION.
IF TEHRAN IS STILL A HIGH RISK AREA, AND I THINK IT IS,
I WOULD BE RELUCTANT TO CONCUR IN THE PROPOSAL. IF
RSOS ARE NOW ONLY WORKING A 40-HOUR WEEK, THAT IN
ITSELF SHOULD NOT BE BASIS FOR DISESTABLISHMENT.
CAN WELL APPRECIATE OTHER PRESSING REQUIREMENTS FOR
ESTABLISHING RSO POSITIONS, WEST AFRICA BEING A GLARING
SHORTCOMING.

RSS WOULD LIKE BENEFIT OF REVIEWING TEHRAN FILES
UPON RETURN TO NAIROBI TO FORMULATE MORE COMPREHENSIVE
REPLY. WILL SUBMIT CONCLUSIONS WEEK OF MARCH 6.
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